

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fixing device for fixing an image formed on a sheet member is disposed on a transportation path for transporting the sheet member thereon, wherein the fixing device can be attached to or detached from the main body of an image forming apparatus, in which a guide member is provided in the main body of the image forming apparatus for guiding the fixing device when the fixing device is attached to or detached from the main body of the image forming apparatus, the guide member including an inclined slope, on which the fixing device is placed to be guided slantwise upward. If the fixing device is unlocked from the main body of the image forming apparatus at the time of maintenance or the like, the fixing device is moved outside due to its own weight, so that heat is irradiated in a short time owing to outside air.